Town of Colrain

Select Board Meeting

55 Main Road/Town Office Building

6:00 P.M.

# MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2020

**Present** Eileen Sauvageau, Mark Thibodeau, Joe Kurland

**Others Present** Megan McDonough, Town Moderator; Peter Brooks; Betsy Shuipis, Administrative Asst.; Kevin Fox, Town Coordinator

The meeting, held remotely through conference call-in, was called to order by Eileen Sauvageau, Chair, at 6 p.m.

**Old Business Megan McDonough, Town Moderator, ATM logistics discussion**

Discussion included an outdoor venue, how to shorten the meeting, chair and sound system rentals, rain date, check-in station, whether a police presence is needed, staff help marking the area in 6 ft. length. If there is an emergency, the moderator can postpone the meeting to another date.

Kevin proposes that the Select Board sign the warrant at their May 26th meeting.

Joe would like two edits to the warrant. The first is in paragraph “Greetings.” Can “of our Lord” be removed? Kevin is unsure and will get back to Joe. The second is to change “Board of Selectmen” to “Select Board” wherever it appears. Kevin reminded Joe that this entails changing “Board of Selectmen” to “Select Board” wherever referenced throughout all of the town by-laws.

The town clerk noted that there are two new citizen articles received today regarding the Arthur A Smith covered bridge that must go on the warrant.

The town moderator suggests that if there are any articles that could be postponed, she would appreciate it. For instance, article 36. The moderator also suggests having a primary person to make most of the motions to eliminate passing the microphone so often, and where the language is identical to substitute “so moved as read” to expedite the reading.

The PPT Committee will meet Friday, 5/22, to work with Kevin Fox to put the Annual Town Meeting’s physical logistics together.

**MOVED**: Eileen Sauvageau moved to have Annual Town Meeting on Saturday, June 20, 2020 at 1 p.m. Mark seconded. Joe abstained. **Approved**.

**Municipal Electricity Aggregation Selection Process**

Kevin and Peter will give their recommendations tonight and the Board can give theirs. The Select Board confirms that it is Kevin who should sign for the town.

On Wednesday, May 20, there is a final pricing at 11 a.m., a pricing review call at is 1:30 p.m., a 3 p.m. final pricing and signatures in by 3:30 p.m.

Kevin’s recommendation is that the default would be the standard rate and the optional would be the 100% green product. The rate would be for 41 months - the 5 months remaining this year and a 3-year term thereafter.

The Colrain Community Choice Power Supply program information will be put on the town website, along with a small article in the Recorder.

**MOVED**: Joe moved to accept the Town Coordinator’s recommendation to offer the Massachusetts Renewable Portfolio Standard and the 100% National Wind as the alternative. Mark Thibodeau seconded. **Approved unanimously**.

**Town Coordinator**

**Updates Chase property on Cal Coombs Road update**

It was agreed among those involved that this can wait for a special town meeting. This would give the homeowner time to get a quote from a contractor sufficient enough to have Attorney Donna McNicol draft an escrow agreement. The homeowner would be willing to put into escrow the amount equal to what it would require if she were willing or unable to do the turnaround work subsequent to the road closure being approved. Donna McNichol will prepare the document for the Select Board’s review for a special or regular town meeting.

**Approval of May 11, 2020 Minutes**

**MOVED:** Joe moved to approve the minutes of May 11, 2020, as corrected. Mark seconded. **Approved unanimously**.

**MOVED:** Eileen moved to close the meeting at 7 p.m. Mark seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted, Accepted by the Select Board

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Betsy Shuipis Eileen Sauvageau - Chairman

Administrative Assistant

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Mark Thibodeau

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Joe Kurland